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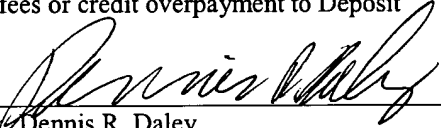
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2005. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Appendix** begins following page 11 of this paper.